

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well, and if you are enduring a challenging situation, I hope it will pass quickly.

We resumed the second half-term and were delighted to see our students returning - ***bright-eyed and bushy-tailed***. Thank you to the parents who made the time to attend the Academic Review for the Year 7's and 8's, which afforded you opportunities to discuss your child's performance. In addition to this, your child's continuous assessment scores were available on the JHC SDS on the same day. And I do not doubt that you gave the necessary encouragement.

A handful of our students (mostly juniors) are getting involved in ***situations unbecoming a JHC scholar***. Part of growing up is learning from our mistakes and making better choices in the future. JHC supports and works with our parents to ensure that the proper values and expectations are taught and modelled. However, parents should be more observant and monitor what their children watch and read, including social media exposure. Boyfriend and girlfriend relationships are not encouraged or condoned, and neither the talk of it amongst students. It can be exasperating when our children let us down behaviour-wise. But things will improve with persistent reminders and encouragement from home and school.

In conclusion, actor Ralph Fiennes said, ***"Gardeners are good at nurturing, and they have a great quality of patience, they're tender. They have to be persistent."*** This is similar to the shaping and nurturing of children, as patience, persistence, and tenderness are essential in helping them to bloom and be the best versions of themselves.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING @JHC?

This past Tuesday, a select group of Year 8, 9, 10, and 11 students visited the **Yemisi Shyllon Museum of Art** on the Pan-Atlantic University's main campus in Ibeju-Lekki.



The Yemisi Shyllon Museum of Art honours Prince Yemisi Shyllon, Africa's foremost art collector, with approximately seven thousand pieces in his possession. In a gesture of philanthropy, the Prince graciously donated around one thousand pieces of artwork to the museum – today this museum stands as Nigeria's pioneering art institution within a university setting.

The objective of this field trip was to provide an immersive and interactive learning experience, foster an understanding of historical events, cultural heritage, or scientific advancements through tangible artifacts, and explore the innovative design and structural aspects of the Yemisi Shyllon Museum from a construction and architectural perspective.



"Jesus of Lübeck and Journey Mercies" - Ken Nwadiogbu

The picture with the artwork above by Ken Nwadiogbu resonates with the current youth situation in Nigeria in a carved wooden canoe. This unique piece symbolizes the creator and his companions, with the faces of his friends intricately carved onto the block facades and painted in diverse colours to reflect their distinct personalities. The artwork serves as a visual narrative illustrating how the nation's youth, in pursuit of life goals and better opportunities, often find themselves on a collective journey shaped by historical influences, including colonisation and the British conception of improved living, albeit at the expense of their own cultural heritage.

Contributed by the Vocational Studies Department

REMINDERS

DECORUM EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to **adhere to the decorum expectations** - uniform laundered, blazers dry-cleaned, boys' hair to be cut short, girls' hair neatly braided or neatly natural, and proper school shoes as per previous instructions, etc.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

We have experienced some parents using the wrong email address to request information or a service. Please **do not send** any communications to the JHC [donotreply](#) or [info](#) email addresses as the first is an unattended mailbox, and the second is for public information requests. Parents have been supplied with the direct email addresses of staff, who will always respond within 24 hours and even sooner.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
8 January 2024	Full College resumes, start of term 2
13 January 2024	JHC Annual Formal Lunch
20 January 2024	JHC Open Day
27 January 2024	JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25
29 January – 2 February	Continuous Assessments
3 February 2024	JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25
9 February 2024	Academic Review Day for Years 7 & 8 and start of mid-term break
19 February 2024	Full College resumes
2 March 2024	Parents Visiting Day for Students in residence
11 – 15 March	Term Examinations
23 March 2024	JHC Careers Fair
27 March 2024	Last day of term 2 & start of Easter break
15 April 2024	Full College resumes for the start of term 3

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